

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ELECTRONIC APPLICATION OF DUKE ENERGY)	
KENTUCKY, INC., FOR: 1) AN ADJUSTMENT OF)	
THE ELECTRIC RATES; 2) APPROVAL OF AN)	CASE NO.
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN AND)	2017-00321
SURCHARGE MECHANISM; 3) APPROVAL OF)	
NEW TARIFFS; 4) APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTING)	
PRACTICES TO ESTABLISH REGULATORY)	
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES; AND 5) ALL OTHER)	
REQUIRED APPROVALS AND RELIEF)	

COMMISSION STAFF'S INITIAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
TO THE KROGER CO.

The Kroger Co. ("Kroger"), pursuant to 807 KAR 5:001, is to file with the Commission the original and six copies in paper medium and an electronic version of its responses to the following information, with a copy to all parties of record. The information requested herein is due on or before January 31, 2018. Responses to requests for information in paper medium shall be appropriately bound, tabbed, and indexed. Each response shall include the name of the witness responsible for responding to the questions related to the information provided.

Each response shall be answered under oath or, for representatives of a public or private corporation or a partnership or association or a governmental agency, be accompanied by a signed certification of the preparer or the person supervising the preparation of the response on behalf of the entity that the response is true and accurate to the best of that person's knowledge, information, and belief formed after a reasonable inquiry.

Kroger shall make timely amendment to any prior response if it obtains information which indicates that the response was incorrect when made or, though correct when made, is now incorrect in any material respect. For any request to which Kroger fails or refuses to furnish all or part of the requested information, it shall provide a written explanation of the specific grounds for its failure to completely and precisely respond.

Careful attention shall be given to copied material to ensure that it is legible. When the requested information has been previously provided in this proceeding in the requested format, reference may be made to the specific location of that information in responding to this request. When filing a paper containing personal information, Kroger shall, in accordance with 807 KAR 5:001, Section 4(10), encrypt or redact the paper so that personal information cannot be read.

1. Refer to the Direct Testimony of Justin D. Bieber (“Bieber Testimony”), beginning at page 4, regarding the Tax Reform Act.

a. Provide the computation for the \$10.6 million reduction in federal corporation taxes.

b. Provide the computations for any of the additional impacts, if available, from the change in the corporate tax rate.

2. Refer to the Bieber Testimony, page 11, Attachment JDB-1.

a. The Excel spreadsheet filed in support of this attachment include only values and does not include formulas. Provide this schedule in Excel format with the formulas intact and unprotected.

b. State how Mr. Bieber’s recommendation supports the principle of gradualism.

3. Refer to the Bieber Testimony, page 12, line 1, through page 14, line 19, wherein Mr. Bieber discusses his recommendation that the Commission reject Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.'s ("Duke Kentucky") Distribution Capital Investment Rider. State whether Mr. Bieber is supportive of Duke Kentucky's request for a FERC Transmission Cost Reconciliation Rider.

4. Provide the rate class(es) under which Kroger takes electric service from Duke Kentucky.



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